

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-8, 11, 12, 15-19, 22, and 45-64 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 13, and 14 are canceled by the present response without prejudice and new dependent claims 63 and 64 are presented for examination.

Claims 45-62 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,818,069 to Kadosh et al. (herein “Kadosh”) in view of U.S. patent 6,559,043 to Tseng et al. (herein “Tseng”). Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 12, 13, and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,693,975 to Lien in view of Tseng. Claims 12, 13, 15, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,573,969 to Kim in view of Tseng. Claims 3, 5, 14, and 16 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter in claims 3, 5, 14, and 16 and of the allowance of claims 45-62.

The present response is submitted to place the above-identified application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

More particularly, by the present response independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of previously pending dependent claim 3, which claim was indicated as reciting allowable subject matter, and thus amended claim 1 is believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action. Similarly, independent claim 12 is amended by the present response to incorporate the limitations of previously pending dependent claim 14, which claim was indicated as reciting allowable

subject matter, and thus independent claim 12 is also believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

Further, in view of the above-noted claim amendments each of the outstanding rejections is now believed to be moot.

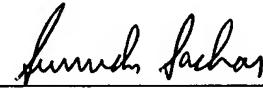
The present response also sets forth new dependent claims 63 and 64 for examination that correspond to original dependent claims 9 and 20, respectively. Those claims are also believed to be allowable by virtue of their depending on respective independent claims 1 and 12.

In view of the present response each of the currently pending claims is believed to be allowable.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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